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we were trying to debunk this sort of thing, so this is what we've now got. We've got a state bird, we've got a state fossil, we've got a state flower, and we've got a state tree, we've got a state grass, and that was put on the very year that we were trying to debunk the stuff. I suggested corn, at the time, as a state grass. There might be some that look at grass a little bit different and would suggest something else these days. But anyhow the little blue stem was endorsed by Senator Matzke. At that particular time I was with three farmers out on a rail road crossing. We got into an argument of which was little blue stem and which was big blue stem. Consequently, I come to the conclusion that some of the farmers didn't even know the difference between big and little blue stem. I'd venture to say 99 percent of the people of Nebraska don't know even blue stem. We are cluttering up our statutes with this type of legislation. As I say, I'm being consistent here today, not because it's the honey bee, because I oppose anything. I think we're going too far on this type of thing. You know the people, they don't care what . . . if we've got a state insect, or something like that. Fact is, I doubt if most of the state . . . people could tell you what the state flower is, or the state rock, or the state bird, and so forth, that we have now. How far are we going to go on this type of thing? I know that this is important to some of you, but it isn't to me. State vine, we could get into that, whether it's going to be poison ivy or the grape. State fish, it could be the imported carp, or the catfish. State weed, you might take the imported musk thistle, or the cockle burr. State snake, we could have an argument over the bull snake and the rattle snake. We could have a state animal, get into the coyote, maybe the tiger. I don't know. It's foreign to this country. All I'm going to say in closing on this is that the state bee . . . I mean the bee is a very important animal, I'll admit that. I used to raise them. I know something about them. If I wasn't allergic to the sting I'd still be raising, but it is a foreign import. I think Senator Savage is going to tell me so are we. That isn't true. We are . . . the color of our skin is foreign. We came from some place else and some of the other skins were dragged here, unfortunately. But the fact remains there were people here. Now the Indian called the bee . . . that was imported from Europe, it was not native to the North American continent, the whiteman's fly. I do not have any . . . as I say I like the honey bee because I have raised them and know something about them. This thing can go on, and on, and on, and cluttering up state statutes with unnecessary legislation just because . . . well what the heck, we might as well vote for it. Thank you very much, I'm not going to vote for it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Syas. Now Senator Lewis, could you address yourself to the matter.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I started to put on an amendment that would make the Huguenot the state mammal but I think I'll leave that alone. I rise to support Senator Savage and to support the concept of former Senator Fellman. I rise on the persuasion of the lobbyist from the Auburn School, Mr. Glenn Peasley, who approached me and very eloquently put the cause forward for the passage of the bill, not withstanding Senator Syas' comments.